

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page one beginning at line 2 and replace it with the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/171,215, filed June 12, 2002 and entitled "Well Reference Apparatus and Method", which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/573,584, filed May 18, 2000 and entitled "Well Reference Apparatus and Method," now U.S. Patent No. 6,499,537, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/134,799 under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), filed May 19, 1999 and entitled "Well Reference Apparatus and Method," all hereby incorporated herein by reference.